

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

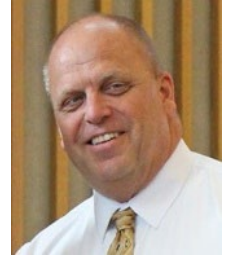
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# WEEKLY WATCH

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that I preview a bit for you, our upcoming Catholic Schools Week. This year, we are highlighting the theme of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of Hope. We are excited to have a speaker that will be presenting on the tilma of St. Juan Diego. There will be two morning presentations and please know that you are more than welcome to attend. This will follow our Sunday, the 26th, open house, following the 9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Joe's. Science fair exhibits will be on display in the cafeteria as well as our classrooms open to all our guests. One thing that will be a bit different this year is that our Morning at the Movies, will take place on February 8th, not the 1st, at East Park Theatres. The reason for the change this year, is so that parents can participate in the annual walk for life, as well, if they choose to, which is also on the morning of the 1st.



On a different note, please keep our Reading teachers in your prayers as we embark on a two-year study of Language Arts in our building, working with UNL Schmoker Center's "WORDS" program. We will scrutinize our materials and best practices as we consider changing our materials for instruction, but also want to examine closely the 5 pillars of Reading Instruction to ensure we are providing our students with research-based pedagogy and effective practices. I'm very proud of our staff for doing this, as there will be a learning curve for all of us. This intensive of a program is something that St. Joe's hasn't undertaken in quite some time, and best of all, it's paid for through a grant(s).

In closing, I pray that the remainder of January be blessed for your families as we celebrate the blessings we receive through our Catholic school, which the parish of St. Joe's makes possible.

Your servant in Christ,  
Kevin Naumann, Principal

## **BIST Tip: Statements of Acceptance**

We all want to be accepted. Children long for this more than anyone. When a child struggles with an emotion or negative behavior, it is so often that he feels badly about himself or she feels like no one can like her because of it. Loving adults in their lives can counter these thoughts and feelings by statements of acceptance. "It's okay that you are having this problem. What's not okay is to stay stuck with it." "I love you even though this is difficult for you." "Having a problem doesn't make you a bad person. It just means that you need help from someone who cares, like me." Using these type of statements helps a child to recognize that a problem is a problem, but does not define who they are.

## Catholic Schools Week 2025 Events

Each year, the last week in January we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! We have provided the [WEEKLY CALENDAR](#) for you, including parent lunches and special dress days links.

### Parent Lunch Sign Up

We are excited to bring back to opportunity to celebrate CSW by coming to eat with your child! Below is the sign-up sheet to eat with your child(ren) in the lunchroom on specific days of the week. Due to the number of students in the school, it is necessary to have different grades on different days.

**Monday, January 27:** 1st and 4th

**Tuesday, January 28:** PreK, 3rd and 5th

**Wednesday, January 29:** 2nd and 6th

**Thursday, January 30:** K & 7th/8th

\*Registration [Link](#)

### Kindergarten Preview



**IT'S TIME FOR  
KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW!**

- MEET YOUR TEACHERS!
- MEET NEW FRIENDS!
- STORY TIME!
- FUN ACTIVITIES!

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
**3:45-5:00 PM**

**PARENT INFO MEETING IN RES. HALL**  
**STUDENT FUN IN KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS**

**PLEASE CONTACT EMILY KLEIN AT**  
**EMILY-KLEIN@CDOLINC.NET**  
**OR CALL 402-489-0341 TO RSVP!**

## **Preschool & Pre-K Registration**

We are excited to announce the option of new 3-4 yr old Preschool classes! Our new [Preschool Application](#) available in the link provided. Please keep in mind that each new class MUST hit the minimum class requirement in order for the class to stay within our program for the 2025-26 school year.

**\*\*Current Preschool families are welcome to turn in their forms starting Monday, January 20th. Any NEW preschool families will be able to start turning in their applications Monday, February 3rd.**

## **School Volunteer Renewal**

**\*\*As of January 1, 2025 all volunteers MUST renew their Safe Environment training. Please keep that in mind if you are wanting to volunteer for classroom parties. Please see this [document](#) for further details on how to update.**



**ANNOUNCEMENT:**  
**SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TRAINING**

The annual recertification process for safe environment compliance is changing in January of 2025

Beginning January 1, 2025, all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers who work with minors will be required to renew their training during the month of January.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO  
CONTINUE PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S  
PRECIOUS CHILDREN!**

**SOUTHERN NEBRASKA  
CATHOLICS**

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## **New Runza SCRIP**

Runza gift cards are now available in **\$20 increments**! Treat the family to Temperature Tuesdays with Runza! Send your order with your student in the morning and we will return it with them the same day! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416. [DOWNLOAD THE ORDER FORM!](#)

## Youth Choir Schedule



# Youth Choir Schedule Spring 2025

Month	Event	Date	Time
January	School Mass	Thursday, January 23	8:15 am
	Full Choir	Sunday, January 26	9:00 am (8:50 arrival)
February	School Mass	Thursday, February 20	8:15 am
	First Penance*	Saturday, February 22	10:00 am (optional)
	Full Choir	Sunday, February 23	9:00 am (8:50 arrival)
March	Practice	Tuesday, March 4	4:00-5:00 pm
	Practice	Tuesday, March 18	4:00-5:00 pm
	School Mass	Thursday, March 20	8:15 am
	Full Choir	Sunday, March 23	9:00 am (8:50 arrival)
April	Practice	Tuesday, April 1	4:00-5:00 pm
	Practice	Tuesday, April 8	4:00-5:15 pm
	School Mass	Tuesday, April 15	8:15 am
	Full Choir	Easter Sunday, April 20	9:00 am (8:50 arrival)
	First Holy Communion*	Saturday, April 26	10:00 am (optional)
May	Practice	Tuesday, May 6	4:00-5:00 pm
	Practice	Tuesday, May 13	4:00-5:00 pm
	School Mass	Wednesday, May 14	8:15 am
	Full Choir	Sunday, May 18	9:00 am (8:50 arrival)
	Ascension*	Thursday, May 29	8:15 am (optional)

School days/Holy Days subject to change. Please watch bulletin & monthly take-home half sheets for changes.

*\*Extra encouraged, not required\**

Any Youth Choir members or alumni is invited to join us in the choir area for Holy Days and all optional Masses like a Sing-Along Sunday—minimal practice and familiar music!!

## Totus Tuus Registration

REGISTER NOW FOR TOTUS TUUS THIS SUMMER! Mark your calendars for St. Joseph Totus Tuus, which will be held **JULY 7-11, 2025** (note the change from our usual date!). This year, we will only have one team, so our registration numbers will be limited. Don't delay, fill out your registration form [HERE](#) to secure your spot TODAY!

## Pius X 8th Grade Open House

Pius X High School will host its annual open house for eighth-grade students and their parents/guardian at **7:00 pm on Monday, February 3**. All students in a Catholic school, another private school, public school, or home school are invited. If your son or daughter is not currently enrolled in a Lincoln Catholic school, please RSVP to [Shelly.Pick@piusx.net](mailto:Shelly.Pick@piusx.net) or call 402-488-0931 to ensure a great open house experience. Visit [PiusX.net/openhouse](http://PiusX.net/openhouse) to learn more about Pius X.

## **Service Hours Opportunity!**

St. Joseph coffee shop is looking for volunteers to serve coffee and rolls after Masses.

What an easy way for your family to volunteer together and your kids to earn service hours!

(We ask at least one adult to volunteer with your child/children.) [Coffee and Rolls sign-up](#)

## **Career Opportunities**

### **Spanish Teacher**

St. Joseph Catholic School, Lincoln, NE, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic Spanish teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Part-time position with potential to expand. Must have a solid working knowledge of Spanish (fluency preferred) and age-appropriate means of promoting language development for all grades PreK-8. Strong skills in communication, collaboration and relationship-building are essential. The position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive Catholic learning environment. Start date August 2025. Salary based on educational background and experience. Please send resume, and references from educational supervisors, to [kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net](mailto:kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net).

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